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Reply to Attn of:

HW-113

Frank Breidt Bunker Limited Partnership 135 East Cameron Avenue Kellogg, Idaho 83837-2353 SENT VIA FAX: (208) 783-2301

SUBJECT: Mine Operations Area - Asbestos Change Order Fund

Authorization

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Dear Mr Breidt:

This letter is to re-emphasize EPA's support of BLP in its management of the Mine Operations Area (MOA) Demolition project to date and in the future. In addition, this letter is to authorize funds such that you may make whatever decisions are necessary in the matter of the asbestos change order submitted by Rust Remedial Services (RRS).

As you are well aware, RRS continues to claim that certain parts of asbestos abatement work performed to date in the MOA was not provided for in the original bid-package prepared by CH2M HILL. I appreciate the hard stance that you have continued to take with RRS, but can also appreciate that you must have the ability to make the necessary business decisions once this affair plays out. Therefore, at this time, EPA authorizes additional expenditure for the MOA in the amount of \$200K. I recognize that this situation is completely in the hands of your good judgement, and realize that the burden of proof for this change order is on RRS at this point.

EPA and CH2M HILL continue to be available to offer advice, if requested by BLP. Please call me at (206) 553-1816 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely

Nick Ceto, Project Manager Hazardous Waste Division

cc: Sean Sheldrake, EPA-HWD Ted Yackulic, EPA-ORC Pat Brunner, EPA-MD



